

## **Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy Announces Re-Opening of Raynor Beach County Park in Ronkonkoma**

*Unique Parkland Honors Veterans and Provides Recreation and Leisure Opportunities for All*

**Ronkonkoma, NY** – Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy today joined with Presiding Officer Bill Lindsay, other elected officials and members of the Ronkonkoma community for the grand re-opening of Raynor Beach County Park.

The park, located off Ronkonkoma Avenue on the eastern side of Lake Ronkonkoma, has undergone a \$2.2 million renovation, and is equipped with two playgrounds; soccer and baseball fields; basketball, tennis and handball courts; picnic areas; restroom facilities and walking trails.

In addition, the Veterans Memorial remains as a significant feature of this park, where a Memorial Day Service is conducted each year.

“Lake Ronkonkoma, with its many beaches and parks, has long been a local recreational focal point in Suffolk County, and the completion of this work at Raynor Beach Park will provide additional opportunities for the local community to enjoy this area,” said Levy.

The athletic fields will be utilized primarily by the Lake Grove Triangle Soccer Organization and the St. Joseph CYO, but are available to the public when not in use by these organizations.

The bulk of the restoration work began at the park in the fall of 2004. Levy said an additional \$600,000 is in the county’s capital budget for a second parking lot, staircases, bleachers and other infrastructure improvements at the park.

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**Raynor Reborn:** Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy (center) joined with representatives of Ronkonkoma’s Chamber of Commerce, civic associations, veterans’ organizations and sports leagues to celebrate the official re-opening of Raynor Beach County Park. Suffolk recently completed a \$2.2 million renovation to the park, which includes playgrounds, soccer and baseball fields, basketball, tennis and handball courts, picnic areas, restroom facilities and walking trails. A Veterans Memorial remains as a significant feature of this park. Levy had long-advocated for a county upgrade to the park since his days as a County Legislator.